

Riggs & Brother, Navigator Statue
(Navigator Statue)
310 Market Street
Philadelphia
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE PENNSYLVANIA	COUNTY PHILADELPHIA	TOWN OR VICINITY PHILADELPHIA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) RIGGS & BROTHER, NAVIGATOR STATUE		HABS NO. PA-1466
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Navigator Statue		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 310 Market Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Carved ca. 1875	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Samuel Sailor, woodcarver	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) A notable example of 19th-century advertising sculpture.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Carved wood.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Painted wooden statue of navigator sighting sextant, approximately five feet high.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE 310 Market Street is a five story, flat roofed store, approximately 13' (two bays) x 82'. It has an iron, three arch arcade on the second story, stone lintels, and brick dentil cornice. Built mid-19th century with 1890s storefront and interior alterations.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Probably originally erected at southeast corner of Dock and Walnut Streets, then moved with Riggs & Brother to 310 Market Street in 1896. Dismantled and deposited at Philadelphia Maritime Museum in 1973.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE In Philadelphia Maritime Museum.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Riggs & Brother, chronometer and nautical instrument-makers, were in business 1818-1973 and at this site since 1896. Philadelphia Historical Commission researched six page chain of title for 310 Market Street in 1962 (cited in Philadelphia Preserved).		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Certified, Philadelphia Historical Commission, 1962. HABS Form, 1970.		
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